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SUBJECT: SENATE QUESTIONNAIRE ON INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS -- INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZA-
TION (ICO)

REF: (A) STATE 112002
(B) STATE 119282
(C) LONDON 7686

1. REPLIES BELOW KEYED TO APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS
OSED IN THE TWO QUESTIONNAIRES CONTAINED IN
REF (A), FOR THE ICO.

2. QUESTIONS FOR COORDINATING U.S. AGENCY BUDGET
5) (A) AND (B)
BUDGET BY OBJECT CLASS, 1970/71 AND 1975/76
(IN THOUSANDS DOLLARS)

OBJECT CLASS 70/71 PERCENT 75/76 PERCENT

ADMIN/PERS. $1014.6 90 $1725.4 88
TRAVEL 27.1 02 34.8 01
OTHER 88.1 08 203.8 11
TOTAL: $1129.8 100 $1964.0 100
SALARY DATA ARE INCLUDED NET OF INTERNAL TAX TO
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FACILITATE COMPARISON BETWEEN YEARS.

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(C) ASSESSMENT BASED UPON NUMBER OF VOTES HELD BY EACH MEMBER IN RELATIONS TO TOTAL VOTES.

6) QUESTION NOT STRICTLY APPLICABLE, BUT 17 OUT OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF 63 HAD A PER CAPITA GNP OF US$200 OR LESS, AT MARKET PRICES IN 1973, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION IN 1975 WORLD BANK ATLAS.

7) SOURCES OF FUNDING, 1970/71 AND 1975/76
(AS PERCENT OF TOTAL)

SOURCE	1970/71	1975/76
RENTAL OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES	1.84	0.61
BANK INTEREST	1.60	4.34
REFUND OF TAXES	0.44	--
INTERNAL TAX	11.34	15.44
DOCUMENT SALES	--	0.02
SERVICE CHARGE PAYABLE BY INTERNATIONAL COCOA ORG.	--	0.81
MEMBER ASSESSMENTS	84.78	78.78
TOTAL:	100.00	100.00

BOOKKEEPING ENTRY TO ACCOUNT FOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GROSS AND NET SALARIES.

8) (A) FIRST DRAFT OF ANNUAL BUDGET IS PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT. THIS IS GONE OVER IN DETAIL AT AN INFORMAL, DAY-LONG MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (COMPOSED OF EIGHT MEMBERS, ALWAYS INCLUDING U.S.). SECRETARIAT PREPARES A NEW DRAFT BASED ON THESE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, WHICH IS THEN PRESENTED TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRST FORMAL REVIEW. DRAFT IS REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR A SECOND REIVEW AND FINALLY SENT TO THE COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION BY THE MEMBERSHIP. THIS PROCESS NORMALLY TAKES ALMOST FIVE MONTHS, FROM EARLY MAY UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER.

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(B) YES.

PERSONNEL

9) (A) 19 PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES (PLUS 8 TRANSLATORS, WHO MAY BE CALLED UPON TO DO OTHER, PROFESSIONAL-LEVEL WORK).

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(B) ONE WOMAN PROFESSIONAL (PLUS 3 TRANSLATORS)

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(C) ALL.

(D) IN 1970, THERE WERE 24 PROFESSIONALS (PLUS 11 TRANSLATORS), 2 OF WHOM WERE WOMEN (PLUS 3 TRANSLATORS); ALL DIRECTLY EMPLOYED. IN 1970 A LARGER STAFF WAS REQUIRED TO ADMINISTER THE DIVERSIFICATION FUND, WITH SALARIES FOR ELEVEN OF THE 35 TOTAL (INCLUDING LANGUAGE SERVICES DIRECT HIRE PROFESSIONALS) PAID FROM THE BUDGET OF THAT FUND.

10) PROFESSIONAL STAFF PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN SCALE, WHILE GENERAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ARE PAID COMPARABLE UK SALARIES (BASED UPON U.S. EMBASSY SURVEY). ALL STAFF RECEIVE SIX WEEKS VACATION, PENSION AND TERMINATION RIGHTS (EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE TO FORMER), DEPENDENCY ALLOWANCES FOR SPOUSE AND CHILDREN, AND FULLY PAID LIFE, ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE OR BENEFITS. INTERNATIONALLY RECRUITED PROFESSIONALS EARN HOME LEAVE ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS (BUT ACTUAL DAYS OFF ARE DEDUCTED FROM ACCUMULATEO.ANNUAL LEAVE). PROFESSIONAL EMPLOY-

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EES RECEIVE POST ADJUSTMENT PAYMENTS. UNLIKE EMBASSY FS PERSONNEL, NO HOUSING ALLOWANCE OR EDUCATION ALLOWANCE IS PAID.

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11) (A) NONE

(B) NONE

(C) IN 1970: NINE OUT OF 24 (36 PERCENT) FROM UK (ONE WOMAN); FOUR (17 PERCENT) FROM BRAZIL (ONE WOMAN); AND THREE (13 PERCENT) FROM ARGENTINA.
IN 1975: ELEVEN OUT OF 19 (58 PERCENT); 2 (11 PERCENT); AND 2 (11 PERCENT), RESPECTIVELY, NO WOMEN. (NOTE: ONE LANGUAGE SERVICES PROFESSIONAL EACH EXCLUDED FROM DATA FOR UK AND BRAZIL).

(D) NO TARGETING SYSTEM, BUT ICO ATTEMPTS TO RECRUIT ON AS WIDE A GEOGRAPHIC BASIS AS POSSIBLE, SUBJECT TO THE QUALIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATE AND
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NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

12) ONLY U.S. CITIZEN EMPLOYEE IS RESIDENT AMERICAN SECRETARY.

13) NO.

EVALUATION

14) YES.

15) NONE

16) BUDGET REVIEW SYSTEM PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR INTENSIVE REVIEW OF PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEM AREAS. THE FINANCE AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, ARE MANNED BY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES LARGELY RESIDENT IN LONDON AND HOLD FREQUENT MEETINGS. WITH A MINIMUM OF ABOUT 16 MEETINGS OF THESE BODIES AND THE COUNCIL ANNUALLY, PLUS INFORMAL CONTACTS BETWEEN LONDON REPRESEN-

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TATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE SECRETARIAT, REVIEW BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IS PRACTICALLY CONTINUOUS.

17) (A) YES

(B) NOT APPLICABLE

(C) FROM JANUARY 1, 1975 THROUGH DECEMBER 1975, THE ORGANIZATION WAS ENGAGED IN A PROCESS WHICH CULMINATED IN NEGOTIATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT (ICA), TO ENTER INTO FORCE IN OCTOBER 1976. DURING THIS NEGOTIATING PROCESS, BY EXPLICIT AGREEMENT OF MEMBERS THE OPERATIONSOF TH 1963 AND 1968 AGREEMENTS WERE THOROUGHLY EXAMINED AND EVALUATED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SYSTEMS FOR INCORPORATION IN THE ICA 1976. THIS PROCESS HAS CONTINUED INTO 1976 AS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS HAVE MET TO DRAFT DETAILED RULES OF OPERATION IN THREE AREAS OF SUBSTANTIVE IMPORTANCE:

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VERIFICATION OF COFFEE STOCKS HELD IN EXPORTING COUNTRIES, AN IMPROVED INDICATOR PRICE SYSTEM, AND A "CERTIFICATE OF ORIGINS" SYSTEM TO PROVIDE STATISTICAL DATA VITAL FOR SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

(D) YES.

18) NOT APPLICABLE

19) STATE

U.S. DELEGATION

20) (A) SIZE OF U.S. DELEGATION HAS FLUCTUATED BETWEEN ONE AND SIXTEEN, WITH TYPICAL WORKING SIZE AROUND EIGHT DURING 1975 (DURING NEGOTIATIONS, SOME ADVISERS ATTENDED ONLY PART OF THE TWO 1975 SESSIONS). PERMANENT DELEGATION CONSISTS OF ONE OFFICER, WHO IS US REP OR OBSERVER TO SIMILAR, LONDON-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.
(B) ABOUT SAME.

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IS STATE.

(D) STATE

(E) NONE (EXCEPT FOR SHARED SECRETARIAL SUPPORT).

21) (A) ON AVERAGE, 20 TO 30 PERCENT NON-USG, BUT DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS (PARTICULARLY THE NEGOTIATING SESSIONS) THIS ROSE TO 50 PERCENT.

(B) THESE INDUSTRY ADVISERS (WHO BORE OWN EXPENSES) REPRESENTED FIRMS TRADING IN COFFEE, COFFEE ROASTERS, AND THE SALARIED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL COFFEE ASSOCIATION (NCA). THEY WERE ALL TOP EXECUTIVES, INCLUDING PARTNERS IN MAJOR COMMODITY TRADING FIRMS AND SENIOR PURCHASING OFFICIALS OF SUCH ROASTERS AS GENERAL FOODS, PROCTOR AND GAMBLE AND COCA COLA. ALL WERE MEMBERS OF THE NCA'S FOREIGH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

22) FOR DEPARTMENT

23) (A) ARTICLE 50 OF THE 1968 AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE 52 OF THE NEW ICA PROVIDE FOR

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CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE COFFEE TRADE; MEMBERSHIP, HOWEVER, IS RESTRICTED TO GOVERNMENTS.

(B) NCA COOPERATES IN PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS AND INFORMALLY THROUGH USDEL IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ADVICE.

24) (A) MEETINGS ARE NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC, BUT SOME (MOSTLY STATISTICAL) DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SAL

(B) ALL DOCUMENTS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENTS WHO MAY DISTRIBUTE INTERNALLY AS THEY SEE FIT. THERE IS NO RESTRICTION IMPOSED BY THE ORGANIZATION ON COMPOSITION OF MEMBER DELEGATIONS.

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STUDENTS AND TO SUCH OTHERS AS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS MAY INTRODUCE.

U.S. INITIATIVES

25) FOR DEPARTMENT

29) (A) AT THE INITIAL, INFORMAL DISCUSSION BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE SECRETARIAT'S FIRST DRAFT, I.E., IN EARLY MAY, AND AT EVERY LEVEL THEREAFTER.

(B) THE U.S. FULLY PARTICIPATES IN A LINE-BY-LINE EXAMINATION OF THE BUDGET AT ALL LEVELS AND REQUESTS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS NEEDED. FOR EXAMPLE, AT REQUEST OF USREP, THE SECRETARIAT RECENTLY PREPARED A COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT TO JUSTIFY ITS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS (FROM RESERVES) FOR A RENOVATION PROJECT. PROJECT ESSENTIALLY WAS APPROVED IN AN EARLIER BUDGET, BUT DELAYS FROM AN UNAVOIDABLE SHIFT IN PRIORITIES PLUS INFLATION HAD RESULTED IN HIGHER COST ESTIMATES AND NEED FOR REDESIGN.

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30) NEVER WITHHELD.

QUESTIONS FOR ALL PARTICIPATING U.S. AGENCIES

13) PRIORITIES ARE: (I) IMPLEMENTING IMPROVED VERIFICATION OF STOCKS PROGRAM.
(II) ADOPTION OF A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN SYSTEM IN ORDER TO TRACK ACCURATELY TRADE FLOWS.
(III) IMPLEMENTATION OF INDICATOR PRICE IMPROVEMENTS.

(C) ALL THREE WELL ON WAY TO ADOPTION.

14) (A) AND (B) NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS AT THIS TIME. AS INDICATED ABOVE, IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS ARE A MATTER OF CONTINUOUS INPUT BY THE USDEL.
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